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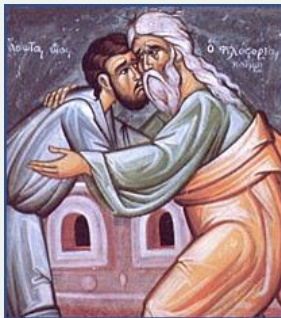
TONE 2

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

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SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON POST-FEAST OF THE MEETING/PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

*VENERABLE ISIDORE OF PELUSIUM • VENERABLE NICHOLAS THE CONFESSOR OF STUDION
NEW-MARTYR JOSEPH OF ALEPPO • GEORGE, PRINCE OF VLADIMIR
THE RIGHTEOUS MOTHERS OF THE THREE HIERARCHS: EMMELIA, NONA AND ANTHOUSA*



Sunday of the Prodigal Son

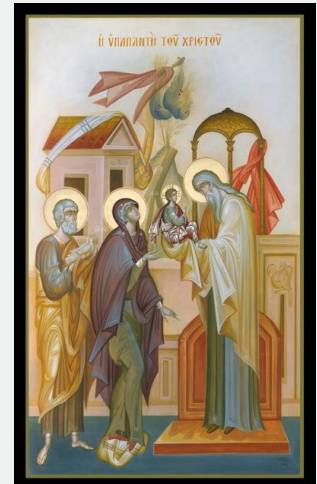
*"I shall return to Thee,
O compassionate Father..."*

I have been entrusted with a verdant and faultless region, but I planted evil in its soil and reaped its ears with the scythe of laziness. And I gathered my deeds into sheaves but placed them not on the threshing-floor of repentance. Wherefore, I ask Thee, O divine Husbandman, to winnow the straw of my deeds with the breeze of

Thy compassionate love; and fill my soul with the wheat of forgiveness.
Store me in Thy heavenly garner and save me.

Our way, O brethren, is to know the power of this mystery; for when the prodigal son ran away from sin, hastening to that fatherly refuge, his all-good father welcomed him and kissed him, granting him signs of glory. He celebrated the mystical joy to the celestial ones when he killed the fatted calf, that we might conduct ourselves becomingly toward the One Who offers sacrifice, the Father and Lover of mankind, and to the sacrificed One, the glorious Savior of our souls.

From the Stichera at Vespers for the Sunday of the Prodigal Son



LITURGY VARIATIONS

FIRST ANTIPHON (PSALM 44.1-2 LXX)

My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the King.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe. *Refrain*

Grace hath been poured forth on thy lips. *Refrain*

Wherefore God hath blessed thee forever. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. *Refrain*

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays: **Matins, 8:50 AM**
 Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

Wednesdays: **Vespers, 6:30 PM**

Saturdays: **Great Vespers, 5 PM**

Confession: **After Saturday Vespers**
 During Sunday Matins
 Or by Appointment



See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled

Order for Holy Communion

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

CHILDREN going to church school and their teachers should come down the center aisle first. (Small children may need to be assisted by their parents.)

ALL OTHERS should wait until an usher dismisses your row from the center aisle. Then return to your place by a side aisle for the prayers of thanksgiving and the final blessing and dismissal. Please let choir members pass when they come down for Communion.

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in **Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church** in good standing, who have prepared with prayer, fasting and confession.

For all others: though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread (from the large bowls). Please also sign our guest book, and introduce yourself to Fr. Nabil during the coffee hour. You may inquire with him how you can become a member.

SECOND ANTIPHON (PSALM 44.3-5 LXX)

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty.

Refrain: O Son of God, *Who wast borne in the arms of Simeon the Righteous*, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

Bend Thy bow and proceed prosperously. *Refrain*

Thine arrows are sharp, O Mighty One. Under Thee shall peoples fall. *Refrain*

A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O only-begotten Son....

THIRD ANTIPHON (PSALM 44.11, 13, 18 LXX; APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST AS REFRAIN; TONE 1)

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear: forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.

Refrain: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, who art full of grace; for from thee did shine the Sun of Justice, Christ Who is our God, a light to those who dwell in darkness. Rejoice, and be glad, O righteous old man, bearing in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who grants to us resurrection.

Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor. *Refrain*

I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations. *Refrain*

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, *Who art risen from the dead*, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death,
O Thou deathless and immortal One, then
Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly
power. And when Thou didst raise the dead

from beneath the earth, all the powers of
Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ,
Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee

Troparion of the Feast (Tone 1)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, who art full of grace; for from thee did shine the Sun of Justice, Christ Who is our God, a light to those who dwell in darkness. Rejoice, and be

glad, O righteous old man, bearing in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who grants us resurrection.

Troparion of St. George (Tone 4; Byzantine)

Liberator of captives, Defender of the poor, the Physician of the sick and the Champion of kings, O Trophy-bearer, Great-martyr

George, intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

Kontakion of the Presentation of Christ (Tone 1)

O Christ God, Thou hast sanctified the virgin's womb by Thy birth, and as was meet, hast blessed the hands of Simeon. Thou hast also come to us to save us. Do

Thou when wars prevail, give peace to Thy people, and make mighty those whom Thou hast loved, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 32.22, 1 LXX; Tone 1)

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

St. Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians (6.12-20; Prodigal Son)

BRETHREN, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not

know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (15.11-32; Prodigal Son)

THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the

father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But the son was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost and is found.'"

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By Elias Doug Fadel, for the health of Andrew, Basil, Amanda, Emma and Basil Fadel, Christa, Sean, Sean Jr., Elias (Ethan) and Raegan Dooley, Venise and family, the Fadel, Mokhiber, Jacobs and Najjour families, Sharon Mustaklem and Dawn Shaheen, and for the repose of Helen Janice Fadel (3-year memorial), Elizabeth, Esther, Annourine, Robert, Rosa, Michael, Faris, Rachel, Malakie, Simon and the departed of the Fadel, Mokhiber, Jacobs and Najjour families.

- By David, Cindy and Mary Egly for the health of the Fadel family and in memory of Helen Janice Fadel.
- By Stephen and Susanne Baranyk, for the health of Alexander Azar II.

A sign-up sheet for baking and offering the prosphora (altar bread) is posted on the bulletin board, next to the elevator. You can also contact Thelma Hoover at (317) 782-1633.

نص صلوات السَّحَر والقدَّاس الإلهي بالعربي

لمصلحة المهاجرين الجدد من الشرق الأوسط من ضمننا، نقوم بتوفير بعض النسخ من نص صلوات السَّحَر والقدَّاس الإلهي لليوم باللغة العربية. وهي متاحة عند المدخل، قرب موقع شراء الشموع.

For the benefit of the recent immigrants from the Middle East among us, we are making available some bi-lingual copies of today's Matins and Divine Liturgy. They are available at the candle stand.

THE SYNAXARION

On February 4 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Isidore of Pelusium; Venerable Nicholas the Confessor of Studion; New-martyr Joseph of Aleppo; and George, prince of Vladimir.

On the Sunday which falls during the After-feast of the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord, we commemorate the Holy and Righteous Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmelia (Basil the Great), Nona (Gregory the Theologian) and Anthousa (John Chrysostom).

On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which occurs in the noble Gospel and which our deified Fathers reinstituted in the Triodion.

Verses

O thou who art like me, a prodigal, come forward with confidence and tranquility; For

unto all has been opened the door of Divine Mercy.

In the parable our Savior tells, Jesus illustrates three things: the condition of the sinner, the canon of repentance and the knowledge of God's compassion. For in the person of the prodigal son, we view the wretched condition that sin creates for us, distant from God and His Sacraments. However, we become aware of ourselves and awaken, hastening with hope to return to Him through repentance. Our Savior wants to call back to His mansions all those who have been overtaken by despair, lacking hope of forgiveness for their grave sins. The Father encourages all of his lost children to remove the desperation from their hearts, and revive their energies for virtuous deeds.

Through Thine ineffable love for mankind, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES REFLECT ON ANNUAL CONFERENCE THEME

"They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42)



PSALMS READING

It's getting close to Lent, and we will be forming a Psalter reading group again, where each member in the group reads a few assigned Psalms each day. With at least 20 participants, the group is reading ALL of the Psalms daily during Lent, at home on your own. It is a great way to get into the spirituality of Lent! Readings begin February 19 and end on Lazarus Saturday. Please contact Christy Roberts by email ccrwildcat28@hotmail.com or phone **843-822-0684** by **February 15**, so she can make the schedule on time!

LENT IS AROUND THE CORNER!

The last day we eat meat will be February 11. Then we begin the Great Fast proper by eliminating cheese (i.e., dairy products) and fish after Forgiveness Vespers on February 18.

SATURDAY OF SOULS: FEBRUARY 10

Matins 9 am • Divine Liturgy 10 am
Memorial for All the Departed at the end of Liturgy

This is a day for remembering as many of our forebears as we can, praying that God will remember them in His Kingdom. Bring with you a list of names of all the departed you wish to remember. It is also customary to bring with you a small bowl of Koliva (as you see in the photo), but if you don't have time to make it, don't worry, as Kh. Elaine will be making a large bowl

on behalf of the whole parish; just come, and bring a list of the full first names of your beloved departed.

Note that Fr. Nabil is hosting the Ancient Faith Ministries Board meeting here Feb. 8-10, and the Board members and some of the staff will be with us for daily services during this period, including the Saturday Liturgy. This is a great time to meet them and welcome them.

**Please Join Us for
Fellowship after the Liturgy**

The ushers will hand you the announcements bulletin as you exit via the north (side) doors of the nave, following the dismissal and verbal announcements.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please include in your daily prayers the following—those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request of the patient/family.)

LIVING

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John

Fr. Andrew (our former Assistant Pastor)
and **Kh. Bonnie** Harmon

Sharon Mustaklem, 3/10

Timothy Ott, 3/6

Amal Khazal, Community N. Hosp., 3/6

Nicholas Rick Gann, 2/25

George Nimri, 2/23

Anthony Khal, 2/23

Kenneth George, 2/20

Elias Al Tawil, Carmel Health, 2/16

Robert Abraham, 2/15

Cleo, friend of Martha Sleder, 3/10

Irina, Anna Phillips' mother, 3/6

Thomas Ward, John's brother, 2/29

Linda Burkett, 2/20

Donna Byers, friend of Kathleen Everhart,
2/10

**All those suffering from illness, violence or
want** throughout the world

DEPARTED

Raouf Hanna, 2/24

Peter Martz, friend of Lisa Thomas, 2/14

All victims of violence throughout the
world

ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

February 2018

Sun. 4

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Matins, 8:50 am

Choir practice, 9 am

Divine Liturgy, 10 am

- **Church School** classes
- **Ladies of St. George** meeting

Teen SOYO meeting, 4 pm at Sankeys'
(1142 Linden Ln, Carmel)

Wed. 7

Vespers, 6:30 pm

- **Dinner**
- **Basics of Orthodox Faith** class

Thu. 8

Great Vespers, 6 pm

Choir practice, 7 pm

Fri. 9

Matins, 9 am

Great Vespers, 6 pm

Sat. 10

Matins, 9 am

**Divine Liturgy with All-Souls
Memorial**, 10 am

Great Vespers and confessions, 5 pm

Sun. 11

Sunday of the Last Judgement – Meatfare Sunday

Matins, 8:50 am

Choir practice, 9 am

Divine Liturgy, 10 am

- **Church School** classes
- **“Souper Sunday”** by Ladies of St. George
- **Acolyte Training**

Pan-Orthodox Choir practice, 3 pm

Tue. 13

Parish Council, 7 pm

Wed. 14

Vespers, 6:30 pm

Fri. 16

Fish Fry by Ladies, 4-8 pm

See the full calendar and the latest additions and updates at www.stgindy.org/calendar